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 - the international application in the language in which it was filed.
 - a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))
- With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):
 - the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - the description:

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 - the claims:

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 - the drawings:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement	
1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims 8-9 Claims 1-7 and 10-17	YES NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims 8-9 Claims 1-7 and 10-17	YES NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims 1-17 Claims NONE	YES NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1, 3, 11-13 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Tamler et al (4,821,544).

Regarding claim 1, Tamler et al discloses a light source (18, 15) for generating a light beam, means (inherently) for diverting light so as to pass through a profile in the toolings (15,16); a detector (22) adapted for receiving light that passed through the profile; whereby the characteristics (i.e., gap, height, thickness) of toolings are processed from the detected light that passes through the profile (see figures 1 and 3).

Regarding claim 3, see column 2, line 18, for the use of a laser source.

Regarding claim 11, see column 2, line 36, for the use of a CCD camera.

Regarding claims 12-13, see abstract for the gap, height or thickness between two rollers is determined.

Claims 2, 4-7, 10 and 14-17 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Tamler et al.

Regarding claim 2, Tamler et al does not explicitly teach that the gap between a chuck and roll in a seamer is determined. However, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the basic device of Tamler et al to determine the gap between a chuck and roll in a seamer because the device would function in the same manner.

Regarding claims 4-7,14 and 17, Tamler et al does not clearly specify what type of the expander; however, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use any kinds of expander that suitable for the device, for example, a group of two lenses, prism, mirrors or optical fiber, as now claimed in the present invention.

Regarding claim 10, it would have been obvious to place in Tamler et al a magnification system before the detector to provide a better signal received by the detector, thus an accuracy of the measurement is obtained.

Regarding claim 15, see column 2, line 21, for the use of a laser source (19).

Regarding claim 16, same as claim 2 above.

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